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CARSON CITY MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS
FOR USING THE INTERNET TO SOLICIT SEX
WITH A MINOR IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that TIMOTHY CRAIG RANDALL, 58, of Carson City, Nevada, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Edward J. Garcia in Sacramento to five years in prison for traveling in interstate commerce for purposes of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a person whom he believed to be a 13 year-old girl.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the South Lake Tahoe Police Department, and the Douglas County, Nevada, Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, RANDALL used the Internet and the telephone to entice an individual he believed was a 13 year-old South Lake Tahoe girl to engage in lewd sexual acts. RANDALL then traveled from Nevada to South Lake Tahoe for the purpose of committing illicit sexual activity with the person whom he believed was a minor girl. RANDALL was arrested in South Lake Tahoe when he made contact with a police decoy.

At the sentencing hearing today, RANDALL expressed his shame and embarrassment over his conduct, apologized to the Court, and pledged to never have a computer in his home again.

Parole has been abolished in the federal system, and RANDALL will be required to serve at least 85% of the 60 months of imprisonment imposed today. Judge Garcia also ordered that RANDALL pay a \$3,000 fine, that he forfeit computers, cameras and other equipment that were seized by law enforcement, and that he be placed under federal supervision for 120 months (10 years) after completion of his prison term. RANDALL will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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